

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 27 remain in the application. Claims 1 – 8 are allowed. Claims 9 – 27 stand finally rejected. Claims 9, 12, 15, 22 and 27 are amended by this proposed amendment. Although this Amendment is being timely filed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3818.

Claim 1 – 8 are allowed and claims 9, 12, 15, 22 and 27 are amended to include a recitation substantially identical to “destinations being automatically serially selected responsive to one of an alerting listed group member location and manually selected responsive to a responding listed group member location” as recited in claim 1; and, which the Final Office action (Final) acknowledges is not shown or suggested in any reference of record. Accordingly, claims 9, 12, 15, 22 and 27, as amended and all claims depending therefrom, are believed to be allowable. Entry of the amendment, consideration and allowance of claims 9 – 27 is respectfully requested.

Claims 9 – 27 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,521,970 to Herrick et al. Discussion of the final rejection is believed to be obviated by the above proposed amendment to claims 9, 12, 15, 22 and 27. Entry of the amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 9 – 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the proposed amendment to place the application in condition for allowance, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment, reconsider and withdraw the final rejection of claims 9 – 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and allow the application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

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